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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 28, 2007 finally rejecting claims 1-6, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.